

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of asset location, comprising the steps of:
linking at least one portable transmitter system with a selected asset;
initiating a cellular communication from the at least one portable transmission system to an associated device controller;
communicating to the device controller primary location information representative of a cellular area from which the cellular communication is made;
initiating a secondary location system in accordance with the location information;
broadcasting secondary location information from the at least one portable transmission system; ~~and~~
receiving secondary location information into a tracking system; and
determining, in the tracking system, a location of the selected asset in accordance with data generated as a function of a strength of a signal associated with the secondary location information received therein.
2. (Original) The method of asset location of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
comparing the primary location information with data of a geographic database so as to isolate a geographic area of interest;
generating map information relating to the primary location information; and
initiating receipt of the secondary location information in accordance with the geographic area of interest.

3. (Original) The method of asset location of claim 1, further comprising the step of generating the secondary location information in accordance with satellite data obtained from an associated global positioning system.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended) The method of asset location of claim 1, ~~further comprising wherein~~ the step of determining a location of the selected asset further comprises the step of determining a location of the selected asset in accordance with the secondary location data which is generated mathematically from a signal associated with the secondary location information as received by a plurality of associated receiving stations.

6. (Original) The method of asset location of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

simultaneously monitoring a plurality of portable transmission system communications; and
generating fee data representative of each of a plurality of monitored portable data transmissions.

7. (Original) The method of claim 6, further comprising the step of selectively communicating at least one of the primary and secondary location information to a law enforcement authority in order to track the asset that is determined to be stolen.

8. (Currently Amended) A system of asset location, comprising:
means adapted for linking at least one portable transmitter system with a selected asset;

means adapted for initiating a cellular communication from the at least one portable transmission system to an associated device controller;

means adapted for communicating to the device controller primary location information representative of a cellular area from which the cellular communication is made;

means adapted for initiating a secondary location system in accordance with the location information;

means adapted for broadcasting secondary location information from the at least one portable transmission system; ~~and~~

means adapted for receiving secondary location information into a tracking system; and

means adapted for determining, in the tracking system, a location of the selected asset in accordance with data generated as a function of a strength of a signal associated with the secondary location information received therein.

9. (Original) The system of asset location of claim 8, further comprising:

means adapted for comparing the primary location information with data of a geographic database so as to isolate a geographic area of interest;

means adapted for generating map information relating to the primary location information; and

means adapted for initiating receipt of the secondary location information in accordance with the geographic area of interest.

10. (Original) The system of asset location of claim 8, further comprising means adapted for generating the secondary location information in accordance with satellite data obtained from an associated global positioning system.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) The system of asset location of claim 8, ~~further comprising~~ wherein the means adapted for determining a location of the selected asset further comprise means adapted for determining a location of the selected asset ~~in accordance with the secondary location data which is generated mathematically from a signal associated with the secondary location information as received by a plurality of associated receiving stations.~~

13. (Original) The system of asset location of claim 8, further comprising:
means adapted for simultaneously monitoring a plurality of portable transmission system communications; and
means adapted for generating fee data representative of each of a plurality of monitored portable data transmissions.

14. (Original) The system of claim 13, further comprising means adapted for selectively communicating at least one of the primary and secondary location information to a law enforcement authority in order to track the asset that is determined to be stolen.

15. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium of instructions for asset location, comprising:
instructions for linking at least one portable transmitter system with a selected asset;
instructions for initiating a cellular communication from the at least one portable transmission system to an associated device controller;
instructions for communicating to the device controller primary location information representative of a cellular area from which the cellular communication is made;
instructions for initiating a secondary location system in accordance with the location information;
instructions for broadcasting secondary location information from the at least one portable transmission system; ~~and~~
instructions for receiving secondary location information into a tracking system;
and
instructions for determining, in the tracking system, a location of the selected asset in accordance with data generated as a function of a strength of a signal associated with the secondary location information received therein.

16. (Original) The computer-readable medium for asset location of claim 15, further comprising:

instructions for comparing the primary location information with data of a geographic database so as to isolate a geographic area of interest;

instructions for generating map information relating to the primary location information; and

instructions for initiating receipt of the secondary location information in accordance with the geographic area of interest.

17. (Original) The computer-readable medium for asset location of claim 15, further comprising instructions for generating the secondary location information in accordance with satellite data obtained from an associated global positioning system.

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium for asset location of claim 15, ~~further comprising wherein the instructions for determining a location of the selected asset further comprise instructions for determining a location of the selected asset in accordance with the secondary location data which is generated mathematically from a signal associated with the secondary location information as received by a plurality of associated receiving stations.~~

20. (Original) The computer-readable medium for asset location of claim 15, further comprising:

instructions for simultaneously monitoring a plurality of portable transmission system communications; and

instructions for generating fee data representative of each of a plurality of monitored portable data transmissions.

21. (Original) The computer-readable medium for asset location of claim 20, further comprising instructions for selectively communicating at least one of the primary and secondary location information to a law enforcement authority in order to track the asset that is determined to be stolen.

22. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for asset location comprising the steps of:

- linking at least one portable transmitter system with a selected asset;
- initiating a cellular communication from the at least one portable transmission system to an associated device controller;
- communicating to the device controller primary location information representative of a cellular area from which the cellular communication is made;
- initiating a secondary location system in accordance with the location information;
- broadcasting secondary location information from the at least one portable transmission system; and
- receiving secondary location information into a tracking system; and
- determining, in the tracking system, a location of the selected asset in accordance with data generated as a function of a strength of a signal associated with the secondary location information received therein.

23. (Original) The computer-implemented method of asset location of claim 22, further comprising the steps of:

- comparing the primary location information with data of a geographic database so as to isolate a geographic area of interest;
- generating map information relating to the primary location information; and
- initiating receipt of the secondary location information in accordance with the geographic area of interest.

24. (Original) The computer-implemented method of asset location of claim 22, further comprising the step of generating the secondary location information in accordance with satellite data obtained from an associated global positioning system.

25. (Cancelled)

26. (Currently Amended) The computer-implemented method of asset location of claim 22, ~~further comprising wherein~~ the step of determining a location of the selected asset further comprises the step of determining a location of the selected asset in accordance with the secondary location data which is generated mathematically from a signal associated with the secondary location information as received by a plurality of associated receiving stations.

27. (Original) The computer-implemented method of asset location of claim 22, further comprising the steps of:

simultaneously monitoring a plurality of portable transmission system communications; and
generating fee data representative of each of a plurality of monitored portable data transmissions.

28. (Original) The computer-implemented method of claim 27, further comprising the step of selectively communicating at least one of the primary and secondary location information to a law enforcement authority in order to track the asset that is determined to be stolen.